

Recorded Comments from the July 24, 2001
Proposed Broadway Trailhead Public Meeting
Held at the Lew Sorenson Educational Resource Center

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Comments by Meg Weesner, Saguaro National Park

Several actions have occurred since the last meeting:

- 80 comments were received on the Environmental Assessment, all have been logged in and read by at least one person, content analysis has not been done yet, copies will be made available.
- Pima County Transportation Dept. installed traffic counters on Broadway and Freeman and are preparing a traffic report, they have agreed to do another traffic count during the busiest visitor season (February or March) and after any trailhead improvements are completed.
- Minutes of the first two meetings have been transcribed and sent by email and postal mail to those who attended the meetings, the minutes are also available on the Saguaro National Park web site and in a binder on the front table of the meeting room.
- Information on safety and law enforcement concerns at the end of Broadway has been compiled and can be presented, probably at a future meeting on that topic.
- Maps and aerial photographs were collected and are on display at this meeting, copies of the Saguaro National Park General Management Plan (1988), Wilderness Management Plan (1991), and Cactus Forest Trails Plan (1992) are available in binders on the front table.
- The decision has been made to prepare a revised Environmental Assessment, the revised document will include additional alternatives and analyses that respond to the issues and concerns being expressed at these meetings.

MEETING PARTICIPANT COMMENTS

- What is the goal of this project?
- The city (Tucson) is growing. There is a need for park access and parking increases not decreases.
- Consider how growth will impact this area and location.
- Is there park use and impact data for this planning effort?
- Why has the horse trailer use/parking been cut back?
- Split user types off to different areas.
- Proposed plans reflect cars going past horse trailers. This is not a safe situation for the horses.

- Consider locating parking inside the park.
- The end of Broadway is a real treasure and should not be destroyed.
- Usage now and future uses will increase traffic from Speedway to this area.
- Develop at Broadway and Freeman.
- Current alternative brings more traffic.
- No road is planned to BLM from Codorniz.
- Opposed to restricted parking on shoulders.
- There is no problem with trailer parking now.
- Centrally locate an entrance to accommodate growth on the southeast side.
- What were the reasons for this proposed alternative?
- Widen Broadway and use a barrier at the end.
- 50'L x 18'W is proposed for one trailer vehicle space (consider 25' wide)
- Consider alternate entrances to park.
- Where are the proposed education areas at the Broadway Trailhead located?
- Conflict of limiting use vs. new use not in keeping with this site.
- Need a clear set of objectives.
- Plans should include the expertise of horse users.
- Instead of considering somewhere between 5 and 48 spaces (as proposed); start with more like 10 to 15 and add incrementally as needed.
- What are the existing environmental impacts and the impacts from proposed alternative.
- Existing parking is dispersed now along Broadway.
- Proposal reduces horse parking.
- How does law enforcement impact the proposal?
- Need increased staff coverage on weekends.

Site Locations

- Need data to review and to provide input on the plan.
- Consider dispersed locations.
- No change.
- Shoulders need to be improved or leveled.
- Consider using the other side of Tanque Verde Creek Area.
- Do we allow unrestricted access to the park?

NOTE:

Existing plans (Saguaro National Park General Management Plan, Wilderness Area Plan, Cactus Trail Plan) and pertinent reports are available for review at the Visitor Center at Saguaro National Park East Unit. Please call 733-5153 to confirm availability.

Jim Bellamy, Acting Superintendent of Saguaro National Park will not be at the August 14, 2001 meeting due to a long-standing prior commitment. He will be present at meetings that follow in the future.